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Being Canadian means being lucky.

There are almost seven billion people on this planet and we make up around 33 million of them.

The odds of a random citizen on this Earth being Canadian is about half of one per cent.

It's a long shot that delivers a hell of a jackpot.

A citizenship, that for most of us, cost nothing to acquire, but yet is our most prized possession.

Being Canadian means we have freedom of mobility. If you want to change your name to a symbol and move to British Columbia — you wouldn't be the first, you won't be the last.

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Being Canadian means we can worship whoever and however we want.

Which is why when we meet a member of the worldwide church of the Raelians (who worship a holy trinity of UFOs, extraterrestrials, and tantric sex), we shrug and say to each their own.

Being Canadian means that if your finger comes into contact with a band saw, you pop it in a plastic bag along with some ice, and it gets sewn back on for free.

Mercer Report

- The new season of The Rick Mercer Report starts Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. on CBC Television. You can also visit www.rickmercer.com.

Being Canadian means there is now a five-cent surcharge for shopping bags to encourage cloth bags.

Don't use these for a severed finger. In that case, pay the nickel and go with plastic.

Being Canadian means we are each protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In Canada, Harold can marry Samantha, Carol can marry Johann, and Achmed can make an honest man out of Frank.

Being Canadian means you can vote.

And when we do, governments come and governments go — and yet not a single shot is fired. Which is appropriate because in our nation's capital, the Canadian flag flies proudly over a tower that we named Peace.

– Rick Mercer

Jackson's music set to thrill

SALES Michael Jackson will once again make music history this week as many of his albums are poised to shake up the Billboard charts with incredible sales increases.

The impact of Jackson's death on Thursday was felt immediately in the marketplace. Industry sources report that the demand for Jackson's albums was so high, many stores simply ran out of his CDs.

Jackson

The albums with the greatest sales increases — at least on the physical side of things — look to be his greatest hits packages Number Ones and The Essential Michael Jackson along with the expanded reissue of Thriller. The sets, released between 2003 and 2008, were the three Jackson albums that perhaps had the most stock available in stores.

In the digital realm, where the supply problem doesn't exist, Jackson's songs and albums swarmed the top of the constantly updating bestsellers lists in both the iTunes' and Amazon's online music stores. At one point on Friday in the iTunes Store, nine out of the top 10-selling albums and 40 of the top 100-selling songs were by Jackson.

Initial reports of Jackson's album sales from Thursday alone indicate that one of his albums — possibly Number Ones — will easily fly to No. 1 on the chart this week. Last week, the set — which also was his top-selling album of the week — was at No. 20 on the Catalog chart with 4,000 sold. REUTERS

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4-D experience opening at Vancouver Aquarium
Western Canada's first 4-D attraction opens at the Vancouver Aquarium tomorrow. Planet Earth: Shallow Seas 4-D Experience is a digital 3-D film in surround sound that incorporates sensory effects like wind, mist and scents. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Jonas Brothers to take over Garage

It'll be Jonas Brothers fever at GM Place tonight when the teen pop sensations take to the stage for their first ever Vancouver concert. The Grammy Award-nominated boy band, left, kicked off their world tour in Dallas on June 20.
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'The best city in the world'

Canadian actress reminisces about her days in Vancouver

Sunny Side

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

She left Vancouver for the City of Angels 12 years ago, but there's no mistaking where actress Emmanuelle Vaugier calls home.

"My base is in Vancouver; my friends and family are there," said Vaugier, who plays Mia on the sitcom Two and a Half Men and Det. Jessica Angell on CSI: NY. "That's something that you can't really replace when you move to a new city."

Vaugier was born in Vancouver and raised in the Kerrisdale neighbourhood. She acted in school plays while attending Crofton House and Magee Secondary and dabbled in modelling before landing commercials and the lead in a made-for-TV movie.

A colleague introduced her to her manager in Los Angeles, and Vaugier moved there in 1997.

While she loves the shopping, the plentiful dining options and year-round sunshine in the Golden State, the 33-year-old said some of her fondest memories are of summertime in her hometown, going out to eat with friends or trekking up to Whistler.

"There is no city more beautiful than Vancouver when it's not raining and it's nice and sunny and warm," she said. "It's the best city in the world."

She said she's also fond of the cultural diversity that has come to exemplify Canada as a whole and the fact that the country offers a range of rural life and city life.

Career tidbits

- Vaugier recently finished shooting the psychological thriller Dolan's Cadillac, a film adaptation of Stephen King's short story of the same name, with Christian Slater. It is due out in December.
- She has made Maxim's "Hot 100" list and appeared on the magazine's cover.

PHOTOS IMMITTED

Vancouver-born actress Emmanuelle Vaugier says some of her fondest memories are of her hometown in the summer.

Man's condition stable after RCMP shooting

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CRIME A 34-year-old Gibsons man remained in serious but stable condition yesterday after Mounties shot him twice when he allegedly came at them with a claw hammer.

RCMP in the Sunshine Coast community met with the man and his father Friday night at the request of the Langley detachment for alleged threats made on a popular social networking site.

After speaking with the man for about 20 minutes, he grabbed a hammer, raised it above his head and moved toward the police, according to RCMP.

One officer shot the man, striking him twice in his lower body. He was rushed to hospital, stabilized and airlifted to the Lower Mainland where he underwent surgery.

Police did not name the man, but Global TV identified him as Leonard Kirkham.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Peter Thiessen said the shooting is being investigated by the Lower Mainland's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

The Commission for Public Complaints against the RCMP has been told of the incident.

Prince Charles, wife to visit B.C.

ROYALTY Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla Parker Bowles, the Duchess of Cornwall, are to set to visit British Columbia in November, the Governor General announced yesterday.

The pair is also expected to visit Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland, and are the second royal couple expected to visit B.C. in the next few months.

Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will be visiting Victoria and Vancouver — as well as several other Canadian cities — next month.

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False Creek North man alleges attack by shelter users

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CRIME A False Creek North resident says he was swarmed and threatened by a group of men who use a nearby shelter, hours after Mayor Gregor Robertson promised to step up security measures there.

John Roberts, a member of Concerned Citizens of False Creek, said he saw several men smoking crack in the entrance to his condo and asked them to leave.

"It's ridiculous for council to think if they just provide the shelter with a list of banned individuals that these problems are going to go away." John Roberts

Roberts said the men then threatened to "punch his teeth out" and "stab him with a needle," and swarmed him and yelled, "We know where you live, we're going to get you."

Joshua Charles Stovin, 22, was arrested and charged with uttering threats, resisting arrest and possession of a controlled substance.

Earlier that day, Robertson announced changes to the rules at two shelters under the Granville Street Bridge, including an end to in-and-out privileges at night and banning "problem" shelter users.

But Roberts said those measures aren't a deterrent. "It's ridiculous for council to think if they just provide the shelter with a list of banned individuals that these problems are going to go away.

"We want these facilities closed down now."

News in brief

MARATHON Kenya's Kip Kangogo won the men's portion of yesterday's Scotiabank Vancouver Half-Marathon while Ontario's Lioudmila Kortchaguina was the top woman finisher. The marathon raised about $350,000.

THEFT A police dog has captured a 21-year-old Vancouver man who allegedly struck a woman and stole her purse on Commercial Drive. The woman gave chase and wrested her purse back. The alleged assailant is said to have kept running, but was caught moments later by the police dog.

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Navy sports new flag
Considered a once-in-a-generation event, the Canadian Navy received a new flag on Saturday during a parade steeped in pomp and pageantry at the Halifax Garrison Grounds, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Court rules for social workers

Manitoba social workers were right to force a Jehovah's Witness teenager to get a blood transfusion, even though she said she felt it was like being raped, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on Friday. It was already clear under Canadian court decisions that babies and young children could be forced to get transfusions when authorities deemed this was needed, but this case revolved around whether "mature minors" could make up their own mind. REUTERS

Best of bikers bear it in B.C.

Racers brave North Shore singletrack trails on Day 1 of epic race

BETH CROWTHER
for Metro Canada

Though bears are fairly common in North Vancouver, the two large black bears that loomed over Lynn Valley park yesterday are not your average breed. With blue skies and a mountainous backdrop, the B.C. Bike Race's bear-logo arches made for a striking finish to the first of seven days of epic mountain-bike racing.

The race's first stage saw people climb and descend some of the North Shore's most legendary singletrack trails. At racer check-in the day before, directors previewed Stage 1 highlights for the international field of almost 400 riders.

Despite the strong B.C. contingent in the North Vancouver start chute, the majority of racers were new to the steep and technical North Shore riding and would be tested by the terrain.

The starter pistol fired at 10 a.m. and one hour and 15 minutes later, the top men's team, Canadians Seamus McGrath and Chris Sheppard, crossed the Lynn Valley finish line. The top women, Katerina Nash and Canadian Olympian Catherine Pendrel, followed 15 minutes after.

Anxiety of the night before forgotten, rider after rider rolled through the finish with nothing but smiles. Local North Vancouver racer James Durand summed up the common vibe: "That was amazing. Even if I didn't get to ride the rest of the week I'd still be so happy."

Racers start Day 2 today with a ferry trip from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, where they will climb on their bikes and race from the ferry terminal to the beachside finish in Parksville.

DAVE SILVER PHOTOGRAPHY

An international field of nearly 400 riders line up at the start line on Day 1 of the B.C. Bike Race in North Vancouver yesterday.

Abdelrazik returns, supporters elated

FLIGHT His name is on the no-fly list, but Saturday he was flying high above rippled clouds blanketing the world below on his way home to see his family for the first time in six years.

Abousfian Abdelrazik was five hours into a flight from Abu Dhabi to Toronto when he looked up from behind his glasses in the front row of the darkened cabin and smiled.

Abdelrazik

"Yes," he had managed to fall asleep for a little while.

"Yes," he had something to eat from the halal menu, which offered lamb kofta with tomato-flavoured rice and cucumber salad with feta cheese.

He nodded and introduced himself, but he would save all his other words for when he stepped onto Canadian soil.

"This is a personal and momentous occasion for him," his lawyer Yavar Hameed said by way of explaining the silence of his client, whom the federal government repatriated under fire yesterday after he had to sleep on a cot in the weight room of the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum for more than a year.

Abdelrazik had roused Hameed from his slumber in the seat beside him with whispers of how he did not want to talk — about anything at all — until he landed at Pearson International Airport Saturday afternoon.

"That is his wish," said the Ottawa lawyer.

Seven hours later, cameras and cheering supporters with orange banners surrounded the 47-year-old Sudan-born man from Montreal as he walked into the public area of the airport.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto **One fabulous week**

ADRIEN VEZEAU/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Partygoers celebrate Toronto's 29th annual Pride Parade, capping off the 10-day Pride Week festival in that city. Attendance levels were expected to surpass the one million mark and pump more than $80 million into the local economy.

Alleged pedophile arrested in Mexico

CHILD PORN A Canadian-born man authorities allege is one of the most dangerous pedophiles in the world has been arrested by Mexican federal police in connection to a massive child pornography ring they say spanned Canada, U.S. and Mexico.

Police surrounded Arthur Leland Sayler's home in Tijuana, Mexico, a beachfront house they say he has lived in for the past 20 years.

They arrested Sayler and seized 15 hard drives they said contained over four million videos of children involved in sex acts.

Mexican authorities told a San Diego, Calif., news agency that Sayler crossed the Mexico-U.S. border almost daily and spent time in the American city repairing computers.

Mexican police also seized Sayler's truck, which bears California licence plates.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Project Salvo

- In March, three Toronto men were arrested, along with 54 others across the country, during Canada's largest pornography investigation, dubbed Project Salvo.

News in brief

TEACHING A growing number of recent graduates from Canadian universities are becoming English teachers overseas, discouraged by a tight job market during Canada's deepest recession in decades, says Teach Away, a Toronto-based agency that helps North Americans find available teaching jobs overseas.

ENERGY INDUSTRY Canada's alternative energy sector is showing signs of a budding recovery, as companies resurrect financing deals and public offerings that withered with the recession, experts say.

BEEF PRODUCTION Drought could force farmers in top beef-cattle producing Alberta to thin their herds further in a desperate attempt to stay in business, the latest blow to a reeling industry, says an official with the Alberta Beef Producers.

REUTERS

Strike prompts greener lifestyle

GARBAGE Reduce. Reuse. Refuse to pick up the garbage piling on people's front porches.

Toronto environmentalists are quietly lauding the city strike for unintentionally converting people to their cause.

"It's an unexpected consciousness-raising event," said Mark Winfield, professor of environmental studies at Toronto's York University. "When you're faced with a storage problem, it makes you appreciate how much stuff is coming in and out (of your home). You have to ask the bigger question about the role of this stuff." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Scientists develop 'trojan horse' therapy to target only cancerous cells

Australian scientists have developed a "trojan horse" therapy to combat cancer, using a bacterially derived nano cell to penetrate and disarm the cancer cell before a second nano cell kills it with chemotherapy drugs. The therapy has the potential to directly target cancer cells with chemotherapy, rather than attacking both cancer and healthy cells. REUTERS

World/Business

Movement spreads

MAUREEN LITTLEJOHN
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In the last eight years, same-sex marriage has become legal in seven countries. The first ceremonies were performed in the Netherlands in 2001. Belgium followed in 2003, Canada and Spain in 2005 and South Africa in 2006.

The most recent countries to allow same-sex marriage are Norway, which introduced the law in 2008, and Sweden, in May. Same-sex marriage is recognized but not performed in Israel, Aruba, the Netherlands Antilles, Washington, D.C., and New York state.

"This train is moving. In fact it's unstoppable," says Cary Johnson, executive director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, based in New York City.

Johnson notes, however, that there has been backlash. "Latvia, Congo, and Uganda have passed constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage, even though such marriages were already technically impossible in these countries. The East African nation of Burundi just implemented a law criminalizing homosexuality."

For gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, the battle for same-sex marriage is emblematic for the struggle for equality, notes Johnson. "What could be more human than to want to have your primary relationship recognized by the state and society?" he says.

Many countries that don't recognize gay marriage allow civil unions and registered partnerships. Denmark was the first to grant same-sex civil partnerships in 1989 with most of the same rights as marriage. In Croatia, partners who have lived together for at least three years are recognized as a civil union. Germans have been able to register as partners since 2001 and rights include second parent adoption.

Gay and lesbian Icelanders have registered partnerships with the full rights of marriage, including adoption. The U.K. has given registered couples all the rights of married heterosexual couples since 2005. Other countries that recognize civil unions and partnerships are Finland, Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary, France, Luxembourg, and some regions of Mexico, the U.S., Argentina and Australia.

BUDHIKA WEERASINGHE/REUTERS

Participants take part in a gay pride march in New Delhi yesterday. About 1,000 gays, lesbians, transsexuals and supporters participated in the parade.

CHRIS HONDROS/GETTY IMAGES

Financier Bernard Madoff passes the gathered press as he arrives at court on March 12 in New York.

Madoff to learn his fate today

Fraud could lead to life in prison

PONZI Bernard Madoff, who became a symbol of greed in the financial crisis for masterminding Wall Street's biggest investment fraud, faces the rest of his life in prison in one of the stiffest punishments for white-collar crime when he is sentenced today.

The courtroom drama will unfold with the swindler hearing angry defrauded investors speak of their financial ruin. As he makes what could be his final appearance in public, Madoff, 71, will read a statement before a judge hands down a decision.

"Mr. Madoff has been very stone-faced throughout the whole process. He doesn't seem to have a lot of remorse," said Anthony Sabino, professor of law and business at St. John's University in New York. "To date, he has refused to implicate anyone else."

More than six months after Madoff's arrest, U.S. prosecutors remain uncertain how much was involved — such was the complexity of the financial web he wove around the world to operate his Ponzi scheme.

In a Ponzi scheme early investors are paid with money from new clients.

About 1,341 account holders lost about $13 billion in the classic "cash in, cash out" fraud, according to court papers. They also say $170 billion flowed through Madoff's principal account over decades and last November, Madoff claimed accounts held nearly $65 billion, when in fact he had never traded any securities, investigators said. REUTERS

Pushing for life

- U.S. prosecutors argued in court papers Friday that sentencing Judge Denny Chin should make sure Madoff spends the rest of his life in prison because of the "unique scope and duration" of his crimes.

Globe and Mail workers reject paper's offer

Unionized workers at The Globe and Mail overwhelmingly rejected what the Canadian newspaper said was its final contract offer, the union said Saturday, but the two sides will meet again tomorrow.

Union members, including journalists, sales staff and circulation workers, voted 260-32 to reject the offer, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union said in a statement.

The Globe and Mail, a division of CTVglobemedia, said Friday it told workers it would implement the terms of its offer on July 1. The current contract expires a day earlier.

It said it expected to continue publishing the paper and updating its websites in the event of a strike or lockout.

But after the Saturday vote, the union said the paper agreed to resume talks tomorrow.

A Globe spokeswoman confirmed that the two sides would meet again tomorrow.

"The purpose is to hear the union response to management's proposal," the spokeswoman, Nancy Evans, said by email.

The union said Globe workers were prepared for a strike if necessary. The union said its members at the newspaper have never gone out on strike in its almost 60-year history.

The union, which represents 450 workers at the national paper, said the paper's offer included pension benefits cuts of up to 50 per cent; salary reductions in some wage categories; a general two-year wage freeze for all employees; longer work days and a longer work week. REUTERS

Honduran army ousts president in military coup

ZELAYA The Honduran army ousted leftist President Manuel Zelaya and exiled him yesterday in Central America's first military coup since the Cold War, after he upset the army by trying to seek another term in office.

Troops came for Zelaya, an ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, around dawn and took him from his home. Chavez, who has long championed the left in Central America, said he would do everything necessary to abort the coup. He added he would respond militarily if his envoy to Honduras was killed or kidnapped.

Zelaya's supporters set up barricades in the centre of the city and sealed off road access to the presidential palace. REUTERS

Iran spars with U.S., Britain, denies rigging in election

TEHRAN Iran accused the U.S. of trying to destabilize it and sparked a new conflict with Britain yesterday, underscoring the hardline leadership's efforts to blame post-election unrest on foreign powers rather than popular anger.

Intelligence Minister Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei rejected allegations of vote-rigging in this month's election, which unleashed the biggest street protests since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Americans and the Zionists (Israel) wanted to destabilize Iran ... Even months before the election they started to talk about the possibility of vote-rigging in Iran, and they continue this path after the election," the minister said.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband demanded the release of several local British Embassy staff detained by Iran, and said his EU colleagues had agreed to a strong response to any such "harassment and intimidation" against EU missions. REUTERS

IranCrisis

Airline fined for price-fixing

EUROPE Air France-KLM, Europe's biggest airline, has admitted to a price-fixing conspiracy between 2002 and 2006 on some air cargo routes affecting Canada, the Canadian Competition Bureau said on Friday.

The arms-length government agency said Air France, KLM and Martinair have been fined a total of $10 million for communicating with competitors about the amount and timing of fuel surcharges on air cargo exported from Canada, resulting in about $31.5 million in surcharges.

It fined Air France $4 million, KLM $5 million and Martinair $1 million. REUTERS

News in brief

SWAT Taliban militants ambushed a Pakistani military convoy yesterday killing 12 soldiers, the army said, as it prepared an assault on Pakistan's Taliban chief. The army, near the end of a two-month offensive in the Swat Valley, is set to launch a new drive in South Waziristan. REUTERS

In brief

NORTEL Creditors and suppliers of Nortel Networks filed a series of objections Friday to the proposed sale of a unit of the bankrupt telecom equipment maker to Nokia Siemens Networks. MatlinPatterson, a major bondholder, said conditions imposed by the current bidding process may prevent, rather than promote, a valid competing bid to emerge for the unit. REUTERS

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Fun-filled festivities

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Canada Day. A countrywide celebration of this great land of ours. Canadians will be enjoying some downtime, engaging in traditional holiday activities: Watching fireworks, hanging with friends and wondering whether their local Shoppers Drug Mart is open.

But not in my town. Toronto, alas, is in the grip of a civic workers strike. So here there's no flag-raising ceremony. No fireworks. I think we're still allowed to have friends, but I'll have to check.

I don't question our civic workers' right to strike. If the noble, venerable institution of democracy stands for anything it's the right to gripe, complain and generally refuse to sit back and take it if you feel you're treated unfairly. And there's no reason we can't celebrate anyway. Here's some suggestions for 100 per cent politics-free festivities.

The annual *Thank God, It's Finally Summer* fete. This event may be observed any time after the last, for sure final snowfall of the year. My sister in Calgary tells me that, in her city, they feel it will be safe to celebrate sometime around mid-August. Last year in Toronto summer arrived exactly 15 minutes before the onset of fall. I missed it entirely because I was using the bathroom at the time.

The *I Found A Bathing Suit That Looks Fabulous On Me* victory frolic. This event is celebrated so rarely many people claim it's the stuff of legend. The occasion is observed by feeling sorry for those poor, unfortunate Sports Illustrated models who don't look nearly as good as you, tossing your entire collection of beach cover-ups and calling the store to see if it has the same swimsuit in 40 other colours.

My Child's Finally Finished With Diapers day. This significant occasion is marked by burning $60 cash outside your local supermarket to celebrate your release from financial burden. Following this event are two accompanying celebrations: *The Now We Have To Find A Washroom Every 20 Minutes* festival, and *The Time To Start Saving For The Kid's Tuition* romp.

The Weather Is Beautiful, Life Is Short And Heck, That Just Seems Like A Good Enough Reason To All Knock Off Early jubilee … that one is fairly self-explanatory.

With a little imagination, we can create holidays that aren't subject to the whim of strikes and conflict. So, no matter where you live, let's get out there and celebrate. Just about anything.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Burrard Bridge bike trial backlash brewing

InTransit

Derek Moscato

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The Burrard Street Bridge cycling experiment that gets underway two weeks from today is raising hopes for a bike-friendlier future in Metro Vancouver. The expectation is that allocating more space for bikes on the busy crossing will encourage more commuters to swap their car keys for a two-wheeler.

But far from a breakthrough, this bold initiative is more likely to be a bust. Here's why.

By taking over space previously reserved for automobiles and pedestrians, the summer trial runs the risk of alienating two traditional allies of the cycling community: Bus riders and walkers.

It's true that transit vehicles will have "priority access," but that doesn't mean they will be any less impacted by congestion on the bridge deck. And you can bet that some pedestrians will be bothered about being kicked off their sidewalk on the crossing's east side.

Some drivers will also be annoyed — but that's already a given. As a cyclist who will be using the new lane en route to the office, I look forward to their middle finger salutes.

But I fear the wider fallout — and potential backlash — from a general public that is peeved about special treatment for cyclists.

I've been two-wheeling over this bridge for years, and I can say it's the least dangerous part of my commute. The real threat is the road rage and driver stupidity that takes place off of it. Many riders would agree, even if the vocal cycling lobby does not.

Earlier this year, a Burrard bike lanes advocate asked me if I would allow my children to cycle on the bridge, given the cited safety concerns. My response: No chance — but I wouldn't let them ride in the majority of downtown bike routes either.

Another argument being put forth is that the bridge status quo represents a liability issue for the city. Which begs the question: Is every other designated bike route with safety concerns also a litigation fiasco in waiting?

The sad truth is city hall missed its chance to provide cyclists with a far superior means to get across False Creek: A cyclist- and pedestrian-only passerelle.

But given the state of the city's finances in 2009, this much pricier option is almost certainly a non-starter.

What we're stuck with instead is, at best, a transportation non-event, and, at worst, a public relations black eye for the cycling community at large.

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Worth mentioning

Venice gets its first female gondolier

Nine centuries of male monopoly on the canals of Venice came to an end Friday when the first woman passed the gruelling test to become a trainee gondolier.

Giorgia Boscolo, the 23-year-old daughter of a gondolier, got the lowest points for one of the 22 places available, while two other women candidates failed to gain admission at all. She is now authorized to take passengers on her gondola while completing her training.

"I have always been in love with gondolas, unlike my three sisters, and I used to prefer going rowing with my father to going out with my friends," Boscolo told Ansa news agency.

Her father, Dante, said being a gondolier was "a job that requires a lot of physical strength, but with experience you need less effort and my daughter has lots of experience."

The flat-bottomed boats are propelled by a standing oarsman and are nowadays used for giving tourists romantic trips through the city. REUTERS

Giorgia Boscolo

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Your Money

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Summer without spending

Entertaining children doesn't have to be as costly as you think

There's a lot of pressure on parents to keep children occupied and amused during a long summer vacation.

Kids like to move from one activity to another with barely a pause in between. It's difficult to keep up, much less find the money to pay for many of the activities. One way to stay ahead of the game is to set specific goals for your child over the summer and then choose the best activities to support those goals.

Here are some fun summer goals you can set with your kids and activities that will cost you little to no money.

Instil an appreciation for nature, a sense of generosity and a little physical activity into your children's lives. For free.

DEVELOP AN APPRECIATION FOR NATURE: In the electronic age of iPods, computers, and TV channels that run into the hundreds, it can be almost impossible to engage your kids in the outdoors. Why not re-introduce them to the miracle of nature by planting a small inexpensive garden? They can learn about nature and have access to it in their own back yard. And unlike expensive electronic gadgets, nature is never outdated or obsolete.

INSTIL GENEROSITY: After a school year of concentrating on things kids want and need for themselves like clothes, games and money for entertainment, the summer is the perfect time to encourage generosity toward others and help them build character. Start by encouraging them to count their blessings, remembering those less fortunate at home and around the world. You can also consider helping them host a fundraising event like a garage sale and donate the proceeds to a charity that helps children living in extreme poverty around the world. Charities like Christian Children's Fund of Canada lists a number of free activities that children in Canada can take part in to help hurting children in developing countries. For more information visit ccfcanada.ca.

GET ACTIVE: It's common knowledge that kids don't get the same exercise and physical activity they used to as recent as 20 years ago. They often take a bus or car everywhere, sit in a classroom for 10 months of the year, and return home to relax in front of a computer screen. This summer vacation you can get them moving and improve their health by going for family bike rides, or taking hikes through free conservations parks.

NEWS CANADA

Listening to your granny

SAVING We used to want everything new, big and fast. We had to buy the newest set of wheels, the biggest (and flattest) TV and didn't want to wait for anything — including a meal. Older generations shook their heads and fixed their faithful car, made do with their tube TV, chopped their veggies and doted over the stove for supper.

Today's economy has forced many Canadians to rethink their lifestyles and adopt some of the long, slow frugality of days gone by. Our relationship with money has also changed. Stock market news has scared many of us away from uncertain but potentially fast and easy returns. Now we're heading back to savings products that offer safety, some growth and guarantees — the staples relied upon by our parents, grandparents and generations before them.

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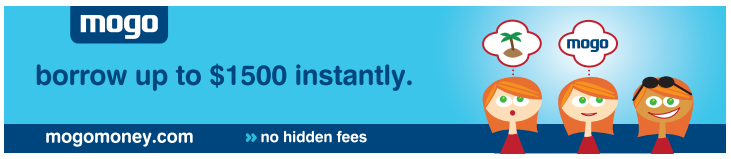

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Should I trust an Income Trust?

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Q **Recently, I inherited several thousand dollars. I would like to make my money grow without buying equities. Income Trusts appear to give very high yields without risking my capital. Are these good investments and what type should I buy?** — Richard

A Equity investors in the past 10 years have received generous returns, that is until fall of 2008.

Since then, many have reduced, repositioned or completely abandoned the stock market. Memorize this: "Investing is risky." If you do not have the stomach for any risk, get out of the market.

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A return of capital, is a distribution of your capital investment. This is not taxed when received, but affects the cost base of the investment on disposition. Investor should be cognizant of both.

Investing tip

Income trust has become very attractive to retirees and investors that seek high, steady streams of income with less volatility. Unfortunately, Income Trusts have lost some of their luster.

In 2006, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced all Income Trusts (except Real Estate Investment Trusts), starting in 2011, will be subject to corporate tax. It evens the playing field between taxed corporations and non-taxed Income Trusts. As a result, our government coffers get filled and investors receive less.

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Going Green

Clean and green
Get rid of an old dishwasher. New Energy Star models use one-third of the electricity required by the average mid-'80s vintage, says Natural Resources Canada, for savings of about $80 a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Curbing lawn fertilizer a simple solution

EarthTones

As we enjoyed the first official week of summer, in many parts of Canada it finally felt like summer. Around Toronto, it certainly smelled like summer down by the lake. Trillions of small green cells began washing ashore and rotting.

This large slug of biomass, whatever does not wash ashore, will eventually sink and rot there, removing oxygen from the deeper water. In extreme cases, this can cause fish kills.

Of course these blooms do not happen as often as they did 40 years ago. The frequency of these blooms and the nuisance they caused back then created the impetus for legislation protecting our waters. Improving water quality was a major driver in the creation of the United States' Environmental Protection Agency. With phosphorus banned from many detergents and better regulation of point source discharges, water quality improved dramatically. Water became clearer and lakes became swimmable again. But over the past 10 to 15 years, we have seen a new increase in the frequency of these blooms. The problem is that all of the phosphorus discharged into the lakes before is still there. A wave of invasive species appear to alter their new environment in a way that favours these blooms by making phosphorus from the sediments relatively more available.

So, what can be done? Well, what we can and are doing is trying to turn off the faucet. New federal restrictions will further limit phosphorus in detergents. When first announced, many complained about the inconvenience of spots on their wineglasses. In Canada, the government may not interfere in the bedroom, but seemed hell-bent on wrecking dinner parties. Since then, many suppliers have already reduced or eliminated phosphorus from dishwashing detergent.

The other target for reduction has to be non-point sources. Many jurisdictions have or are implementing nutrient management plans to reduce inputs from larger dischargers, primarily affecting agriculture. But where you can help is in reducing the use of lawn fertilizers. That is a major source of nutrient loading that could be curbed immediately. With many ecological challenges we feel powerless. Here's an example where a minor change in our behaviour could have a dramatic positive impact with no cost and only minor inconvenience. If we can't get it together on this one, the greater challenges are pretty hopeless.

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News in brief

HYBRID The Green Wheels Program from TD Insurance is now rewarding those who own or lease hybrid vehicles by offering a five to 10 per cent discount on auto insurance premiums.

NEWS CANADA

Watershed moments surround Taku River

Eco-Minded

Taku River facts

- The Taku River has all five species of Pacific salmon: Chinook, sockeye, coho, chum and pink.
- The Taku watershed is 95 per cent unroaded.
- The Taku watershed has large populations of grizzly and black bears, wolves, stone sheep, moose, woodland caribou, mountain goats, harbour seals, bald eagles and migratory birds.
- Let your MLA that you support protection of wildlife from climate change (leg.bc.ca/)

METRO VANCOUVER

With toasty forests and moody weather, we'll need arks to save Earth's animals.

No, it won't be two by two (lions bedding beside lambs); it's not raining for 40 days, and one boat won't do the trick.

Our threat is weather related and to protect our wildlife we'll need arks with a 'p': parks.

Premier Gordon Campbell's carbon tax will help lessen the impacts of climate change — hey, British Columbians can walk tall.

But our weather and wilderness is already changing. Our task now is to save our plants and animals. Like the rest of the world, B.C. is bracing for an "extinction spasm" — about a third of our species will follow the dinosaurs over the next 100 years.

Unless, of course, we do as Noah did (only different). Many plants and animals will need to migrate to keep up with the changing climate: so our arks need to be connected.

In B.C., we're blessed by lots of open space in the North, not carved up by roads that obstruct critters. For example, the Taku River watershed still has healthy salmon runs and lots of furry and feathered creatures.

Fortunately plans are afoot by some farsighted First Nations and planners to protect this wildly rich watershed in light of climate change. That's great.

With your support, British Columbia can be on the cutting edge of the worldwide movement to protect nature. Then we can walk really tall ... alongside our wildlife.

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Canucks crush Kiwis in football championship

Canada crushed New Zealand 55-0 in its opening game Saturday at the 2009 IFAF World Junior Championships in Canton, Ohio. Canada's next game is Wednesday against Japan, a team that earlier beat Germany 10-7. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Bronze for Canada

Simon Whitfield, left, Lauren Groves, Brent McMahon and Kathy Tremblay took bronze at the inaugural team world championship relay competition yesterday in Des Moines, Iowa. The event includes two women and two men on each team. Each athlete completes a 250-metre swim, 6.6-kilometre bike ride and 1.6-kilometre run. Switzerland's top team captured the gold medal with a time of 1:20:56, while Australia was second at 1:21:05. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

PGA Kenny Perry shot 63 to finish with a tournament-record 258 and win the Travelers Championship by three strokes over Paul Goydos and David Toms, two other golfers in their 40s. The 48-year old Perry tied a course record with a 61 Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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MLB

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Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
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Minnesota at Kansas City
Detroit at Oakland

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N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets

Brazil avoids upset by U.S.

Brazil fought back from 2-0 down with three second-half goals to beat the United States 3-2 and win the Confederations Cup for the third time in a superb final yesterday.

The U.S., who shocked Spain in the semis, looked set to complete an even greater upset when goals by Clint Dempsey and skipper Landon Donovan put them 2-0 ahead at halftime.

U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard produced several good saves before striker Luis Fabiano took his tournament tally to five when he scored immediately after the restart and headed the equalizer in the 74th minute.

PAULO WHITAKER/REUTERS

Brazil players celebrate after defeating the U.S. to win the Confederations Cup final.

Brazil captain Lucio completed his side's stunning recovery when he rose superbly to power home an Elano corner six minutes from time.

The match was a fitting climax to an outstanding tournament which provided shocks, excellent football and passionate crowds, auguring well for next year's World Cup finals in South Africa. REUTERS

Clubs should help country put best team forward

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

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For most supporters, when a player from your club is chosen to represent on the national squad, there is a sense of accomplishment — even pride.

For, in most countries, how the national team goes so does the sport.

A perfect example is in the U.S. — exposure for soccer is at an all-time high after their national team shocked its way into a Confederations Cup final against Brazil.

Despite the loss to the South American giants in the final, just making it that far has the U.S. media broadly painting that success as a reflection on the health of their game.

But in Canada, the same cannot be said.

The sport here is at its healthiest in a generation. The emergence of professional clubs has the most widely played recreational sport fast approaching a tipping point into mainstream sportsdom — and it recently has had little or nothing to do with the success, or lack thereof, by our national teams.

Not only do few club supporters take pride in seeing one of their players off to represent Canada at international competitions, but they even display a level of annoyance and frustration when it happens.

A 'well, how many games are they going to miss?' attitude pervades Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto — which is hit particularly hard by player loss each year.

"For a country to do well, it needs to have the support of the clubs."

The club vs. country debate — which centres on where players and fans should place their priorities — is quickly being shoved aside by the passionate support of club soccer and there is a real danger in that.

For a country to do well, it needs to have the support of the clubs to facilitate it. Word that TFC has put significant pressure on the Canadian Soccer Association to not draw so heavily from its player pool is troubling.

More troubling is that the CSA seems to have bowed to that wish. Dwayne De Rosario (who declined an invite), Adrian Serioux, Jim Brennan and Nana Attakora-Gyan will not join Canada for this summer's Gold Cup — one competition where Canada has done well.

If soccer is ever going to cross over into the mainstream culture here, the national team needs to win international competitions — the U.S. success demonstrates that. And presently, the national team can't do that if the clubs are only interested in winning domestic competitions.

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Iran academics arrested

According to a website affiliated with defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi, 70 university professors have been detained in the country in a widespread crackdown on protestors. The site states that 70 members of the Islamic Society of University Professors were arrested after meeting with Mousavi last week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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RAFEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Dr. Mark Peterson, a heart surgeon, stands atop St. Michael's Hospital in downtown Toronto. In his two years at the hospital, he's performed more than 500 heart surgeries.

Mending hearts, one by one

Head to **Toe**

RAFEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Keeping hearts beating is Dr. Mark Peterson's calling.

The Winnipeg-born heart surgeon, who averages more than 250 surgeries per year at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, says despite the long hours, long surgeries and intense professional challenge, he wouldn't do anything else in the world.

"I feel very lucky to say I love my job. I won the lottery, I would continue to work because being in the operating room, to me, is not work," Peterson said.

Peterson says what motivates him most is the desire to continually improve the field of cardiac surgery with new techniques, new approaches and new solutions to old problems.

"There's always that pressure to make us get better, to innovate. We're in an era now where things are changing all the time — new imaging techniques and less invasive methods are getting people out of hospital sooner. As technology improves and we get better," Peterson said.

Peterson has already performed 500 heart surgeries in his two years of practice at St. Michael's. While the vast majority are preplanned, carefully orchestrated affairs, emergency surgeries can happen.

In one particularly memorable case last December, Peterson got a call about an otherwise healthy man in his 50s who was dying from an aortic dissection — the same condition which killed actor John Ritter so suddenly. Peterson raced to the operating room and quickly realized there was no time for a CT scan as the sac around the man's heart was rapidly filling with blood, threatening to suffocate it. Once he began surgery, Peterson realized the tear in the man's heart was much worse than expected, forcing him to make an instant decision to perform a full reconstruction of one of the heart's main structures (an aortic arch) — an operation which, on a good day, is so complicated that many surgeons don't perform it.

Peterson went ahead and the operation was so successful, the man left hospital hardly a week later and is doing very well. Moments like that are what convince Peterson he picked the right career.

"We pulled this guy out of the grave. I'm pretty proud about that one. All that culmination of your training and expertise to make somebody better — it's hard to describe why it's so satisfying, so rewarding, but it is," Peterson said.

If the thought of cardiac surgery scares you, maybe it's time to start living a healthier lifestyle.

"My advice is fairly simple — do everything you can do to avoid having to see me."

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Workology in **brief**

MEN OUTNUMBER WOMEN IN OTTAWA According to a new study released by Catalyst, men continue to outnumber women four to one in all positions in Canada's capital market, excluding administration. In 2008, women held 17 per cent of all line positions (ones needed to advance to the highest levels), a figure that hasn't changed since 2000. The study also found decreased levels of women in line positions at the professional and managing director level and above, which is a troubling trend since it indicates there is less diversity of thought at the senior decision-making tables.
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Quebec students oppose external presence

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Irked? Go to Complaints Are Us

Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

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Jane Steele Moore kept thinking that customer complaints rarely got their due, so she thought she'd do something about it.

Recently, Jane Steele Moore spent time on the phone with a Toyota dealership. Staff there sold one of her clients a car three years ago, and now one of the airbags was faulty.

The dealer was refusing to pay for a replacement.

To get a fairer deal, she boned up on airbags by doing research and contacting Transport Canada. After considerable time negotiating, she got the car company to pay for the $500 airbag — her client had to shell out for labour.

"I was appalled, quite frankly, about this one," says Steele Moore.

A typical tale for an expert in consumer complaints.

Steele Moore, 57, began her professional life studying early childhood education, where she learned a lot about human nature. But she soon started working in business.

She's been in customer service; she's also worked with the Royal Bank's insurance division, trained people in call centres and done marketing.

For eight years, she worked as a freelance consultant. She enjoyed it, but kept thinking that customer complaints rarely got their due, and someone should do something about it. She knew consumers often got too emotionally involved in their service or product problems with a company, plus they rarely knew how the complaints process worked. The end result was often frustrating.

The Lowdown

Job title: Complaints concierge;
Salary: Charges $50 for the first hour, $25 for subsequent hours; more for rush jobs;
Education/training: Experience in customer service;
Best Part of the Job: "When I can help someone and they've been really emotional and upset. I've always liked to help people."
Worst Part of the Job: "Dealing with people who just don't listen."

Nine moths ago, Steele Moore put her idea into practice. She launched Complaints Are Us in Toronto with a small staff, most of whom work at home.

She and her team — she calls them concierges, while she's the chief complaints officer — tackle product or service complaints on behalf of clients. While Steele Moore won't take on issues of a legal or medical nature, she's overturned faulty credit ratings and got returns on defective mattresses, to name a few.

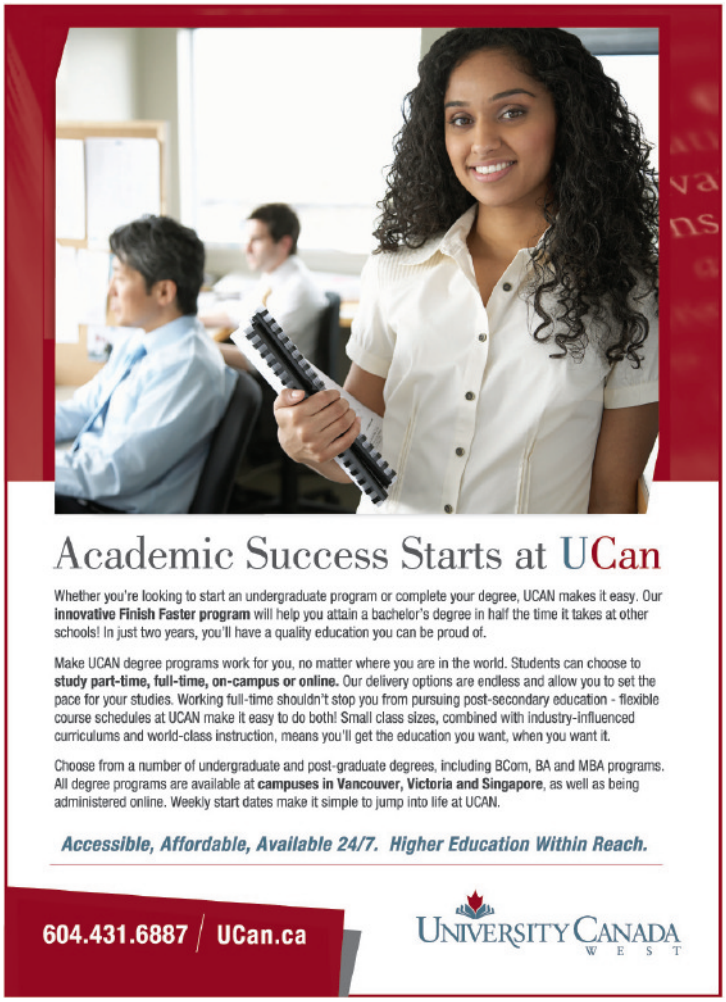
Potential clients start by filling out a three-page form outlining their problem and giving authorization for Complaints Are Us to deal with it. Once it's faxed in or emailed, Steele Moore or one of her 25 concierges pick up the phone or start writing a letter to get action.

Staff constantly debrief each other on the process, and they're always sharing tips on how to solve complaint problems and find the best person to talk to.

Talking with customer service reps trying to get rebates, exchanges and apologies, Steele Moore finds she's drawing on a huge range of skills she'd picked up in her previous jobs. And learning a few new ones.

"I'm using more of my research and negotiating skills than I've used in the past," she says. "I'm also doing a lot of problem solving, and finding new ways of looking at things."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.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Bon Jovi sends a message to Iran

Bon Jovi and bandmate Richie Sambora have recorded a version of Ben E. King's classic Stand by Me with Iranian superstar Andy Madadian to send a message of global solidarity to the Iranian people who are caught in the midst of debate and protest over the country's recent election. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Fawcett funeral

A private funeral service will be held tomorrow for Farrah Fawcett at the Cathedral of Our lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles. Fawcett died Thursday from a rare cancer. She was 62. TVGUIDE.COM

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Police talk to Jackson doc

A second police interview with the doctor caring for pop star Michael Jackson the day he died yielded no information suggesting the physician committed a crime, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday.

The Times said an unnamed source close to the police investigation told the newspaper the second interview with Dr. Conrad Murray revealed "no red flag" indicating criminal wrongdoing or the cause of death.

"Investigators say the doctor is in no way a suspect and remains a witness to this tragedy," a spokeswoman for the law firm representing Murray said in a statement that was issued late Saturday after the second interview.

Murray, who rode in the ambulance from Jackson's home to a hospital after the singer had suffered cardiac arrest Thursday, helped police "identify the circumstance around the death ... and clarified some inconsistencies," said the statement from the law firm Stradely, Chernoff & Alford.

The second meeting between police and Murray, who has offices in Houston and Las Vegas, lasted three hours.

Also yesterday, White House adviser David Axelrod told NBC news television show Meet the Press that U.S. President Barack Obama had written to Jackson's family expressing his condolences.

Jackson's father Saturday urged fans not to despair because the singer "will continue to live on in each and every one of you," and Jackson's family sought a second autopsy beyond the official one, conducted Friday, amid reports about the 50-year-old singer's reliance on prescription drugs.

JOHN SHEARER/AEG/CONCERTS WEST VIA GETTY IMAGES

In this photo provided by AEG/Concerts West Michael Jackson and choreographer/director Kenny Ortega rehearse for the This Is It tour on May 6, 2009 in Burbank, Calif.

The celebrity website TMZ.com, which first broke the news of Jackson's death, reported that the second autopsy took place at an undisclosed location in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon.

The singer of hit songs like Thriller and Billie Jean died suddenly Thursday in a Los Angeles hospital and since then, mystery has shrouded his death.

Questions have centred on what brought on his heart failure. Jackson had not performed in years, but was rehearsing for a series of sold-out, comeback concerts in London starting in July. He was said to be in good health and had passed a physical examination before beginning rehearsals.

But according to media reports, Jackson was injected with narcotic painkiller Demerol before he went into cardiac arrest, and Murray was trying to revive him when paramedics arrived. REUTERS

Jackson's Beatles rights at risk

MUSIC Beatles For Sale?

The Fab Four's prized catalogue — specifically 267 songs mostly written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney — is embarking on a long and winding road of ownership uncertainty following the death of Michael Jackson.

The pop singer and Sony Music operated a lucrative joint venture that either owns or administers the copyrights to about 750,000 compositions written by the likes of Bob Dylan, Neil Diamond, Taylor Swift and the Jonas Brothers.

Industry analysts estimate that Sony/ATV Music Publishing is worth at least $1 billion US, making Jackson one savvy entertainer. His initial investment cost him $47.5 million in 1985. REUTERS

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning on June 26.

1. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen:** $112 million million US
2. **The Proposal:** $18.5 million
3. **The Hangover:** $17.2 million
4. **Up:** $13 million
5. **My Sister's Keeper:** $12 million
6. **Year One:** $5.8 million
7. **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** $5.4 million
8. **Star Trek:** $3.6 million
9. **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** $3.5 million
10. **Away We Go:** $1.7 million

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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	255	358	6 JOY	E! News (N)	The Insider	Rocker Moms	How I Met	The Soup	Wildest TV	Final 24 (CC)		News (CC)
	254	-	8 M	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Omni News: Punjabi Edition		Metropia
	250	321	9 CTV	Corner Gas	Hollywood	Law & Order "Rumble" (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: Miami (CC)		News (N)
	-	-	10 OMNI	The Daily	Frasier (CC)	The Practice (CC)		One Tree Hill (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Randall Mark	New Day
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Big Baby" (PA) (CC)		Lie to Me "Love Always" (PA)		Cold Blood "Strangler" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	The Road to Avonlea		Gossip Girl "Pret-a-Poor-J"		Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	Stargate Atlantis (CC)		News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		The Bachelorette (N) (CC)				Here Come the Newlyweds		The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Gossip Girl "Pret-a-Poor-J"		One Tree Hill (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	How I Met	Engagement	Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	CSI: Miami (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Law & Order "Rumble" (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	How Clean	Friends (CC)	How Clean	Kim	Love It or List It		The Agents	House	Maxed Out
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelorette (N) (CC)				Here Come the Newlyweds		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Oxford Blues ★★ (1984, Drama) Rob Lowe, Ally Sheedy.				King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)
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	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Big Baby" (PA) (CC)		Lie to Me "Love Always" (PA)		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
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	298	653	35 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl "Pret-a-Poor-J"		One Tree Hill (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	33 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
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news	502	390	63 NW	Frontline "The Madoff Affair"		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		Frontline "The Madoff Affair"		National
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	570	580	42 MM	MMVA	Video on Trial	One Tree Hill (CC)		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		MMVA	Video on Trial	Spotlight
	600	564	43 H&G	House	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Marriage	Income Prop.	My First Place	For Rent	House
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	521	560	64 TLC	Cake Boss (N)	Cake Boss	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Little Couple
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	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jeffrey Ross No Offense Live		Daily Show
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House

Concerned that she isn't bonding properly with her baby, Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) gives some of her day-to-day responsibilities to Cameron (Jennifer Morrison), forcing the latter to stand up to House (Hugh Laurie), her former boss. The team takes on the case of a teacher who collapsed after spitting up blood during a class. Omar Epps, Robert Sean Leonard and Olivia Wilde also star in "Big Baby." 5 PM on STR,8 PM on GTV FOX

Just for Laughs: The Colour of Funny

George Stroumboulopoulos hosts an hour of comedy featuring some of the most popular comedians of color to have performed under the "Just for Laughs" banner. They include Asian-American K.T. Tatara; Gina Yashere, a British comic of Nigerian descent; Sugar Sammy, a Montrealer of Indian heritage; Italian-Canadian musical comedy duo the Doo-Wops and more. 9 PM on CBC

No longer a solo act

On Saturday, guitar virtuoso Eddie Van Halen married Janie Liszewski, his girlfriend of three years. The evening ceremony took place at his seven-acre estate in Studio City, Calif. Liszewski walked down the aisle to Van Halen's When It's Love, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Perez crosses line with MJ

FOOT IN MOUTH Perez Hilton is no stranger to controversy, and now many of the stars who he often pals around with have turned on him via Twitter, ripping the celebrity blogger for his posts about Michael Jackson in the moments before his death, popeater.com reports.

After it was reported Jackson had taken to hospital Thursday, Hilton posted a photograph of Jackson with his signature white handwriting "Heart Attack or Cold Feet?" — questioning whether Jackson was sick or possibly bailing out of his summer concerts.

"Either he's lying or making himself sick, but we're curious to see if he's able to go on!!! Get your money back, ticket holders!!!!" he wrote — comments that have since been redacted.

A number of celebrities then took to Twitter, calling Hilton "shameful" and telling him to show some respect.

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Rihanna and Chris reconnect?

WHAT RESTRAINING ORDER? Chris Brown and Rihanna are ready to move on now that he has pleaded guilty to assaulting the singer back in February. In fact, the pair reportedly wants the court order barring them from contacting each other, according to the New York Daily News.

"They think it's unnecessary and ridiculous," a source told the newspaper. "After (the court proceeding), Ri and Chris talked on the phone for almost an hour and really worked at becoming friends. They're solid now."

But don't go looking for their romance to be reignited. "That's 100 per cent done," the source added. "They aren't looking to hook back up again."

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Bradley defuses Jen rumours

SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT First they reputedly flirted at a party. Then, June 18, they definitely had dinner together. So, what is going on between Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Aniston?

That was the question put to The Hangover star on Friday at an event in Paris, people.com reports.

Told there had been talk that he and Aniston had been out together, Cooper replied with a laugh: "Who talked about it? It wasn't me. It was someone else."

In a more serious vein, Cooper, 34, said of Aniston (in French, which he speaks fluently from his 1996 exchange student days): "She's a friend of mine. Simply, simply, just a friend."

He further clarified, "In America, it's not like it is here. She's someone who is super, super known. Famous. If someone says 'hello' to her, it's given that he's fallen in love with her. So, no. No. She's a very, very interesting woman, but she's simply a friend."

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Wilkinson's wedding fit for a princess

DREAM WEDDING In a wedding fit for a princess, Playboy Playmate Kendra Wilkinson wed her NFL player beau Hank Baskett at the Playboy mansion on Saturday, People confirms.

At around 6:45 p.m., the Playmate and former Girls Next Door star, 23, walked down the aisle in a white dress, dripping in more than $100,000 US worth of platinum jewelry by Michael Barin, including drop earrings, a pendant and bracelet. The groom also wore white, as did the groomsmen, while the bridesmaids were in lavender.

Among the hundreds of guests were former boyfriend and Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and fellow Playmate Bridget Marquardt, who was among the bridal party. The bride and groom married out in the open on a lawn, and there were white rose petals and flower wreaths decorating the aisle.

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Farrah's jailed son OK'ed to attend funeral

FAMILY Redmond O'Neal, the only son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal, was stuck in jail when his mother passed away, but prison officials have granted him permission to attend her funeral, according to Radar Online. Redmond will be allowed to wear a suit instead of the usual prison scrubs, but he will still be handcuffed. He is serving a sentence for multiple drug-related charges.

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Pals come to Madge's aid

CELEBRITY NETWORK Rocker Lenny Kravitz supported Madonna throughout her campaign to adopt Mercy James from Malawi — even lending the pop superstar his mansion in France while she dealt with the legal issues, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Her pal Kravitz says he stepped in to help the star during her ordeal, letting Madonna stay at his home as she fought to make Mercy a member of her family.

"It has been tough for Madonna," he said. "But she's doing good. She's been staying in France while it was going on. I'm glad it's worked out."

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Fall Out Boy no more?

ON HIATUS? Fall Out Boy star Pete Wentz has denied the rockers are set to go their separate ways — even though they have no plans to make any more albums, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The bassist shocked fans last week by admitting on Twitter that the band's last record, 2008's Folie a Deux, may be their "swan song."

But Wentz insists the band is set to continue — they just won't be making any new music.

He told mtv.com, "No, we're not calling it quits, but we've no future album plans right now. We can't quit, we're waiting to get fired.

"I think it's all in context. There aren't any new Fall Out Boy songs because we don't write for the sake of it. We will stop doing Fall Out Boy when it stops being fun."

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Not ready to strip yet: Hayden

TAKING IT SLOW Hayden Panettiere doesn't have any immediate plans to go naked onscreen any time soon, but she isn't ruling it out.

"I'm cool with my body, and I'm cool running around undressed and all that stuff, but there are just certain things that not everyone needs to know, that you need to keep somehow private and personal to you," the Heroes star told E! News.

"But you never know, you never know. I could be 30 years old and just be like, 'Screw it — I want to take it all off. I better take a picture of this baby before it all goes.'"

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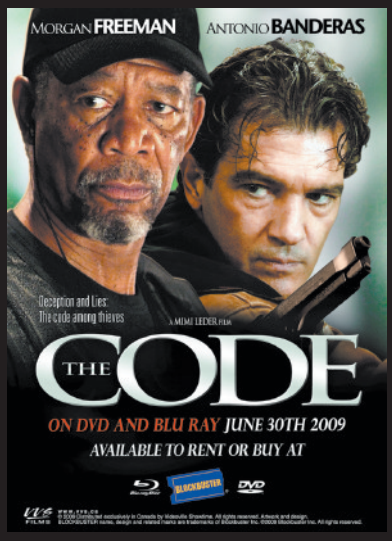

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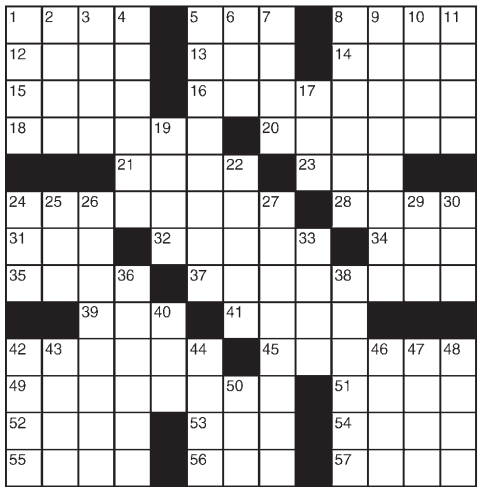

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

1								3
	5		1	3	8		4	
	3						7	
		9	3		7	8		
	4						6	
		6	8		9	3		
	7						2	
	6		2	7	1		8	
2								5

Crossword across

1 Recedes
5 Mandible
8 "Airplane!" autopilot
12 Goose egg
13 Yoko of music
14 Cornfield invader
15 Authentic
16 Football break
18 Aft
20 Got lathery
21 Stereo alternative
23 Wildebeest
24 Interim
28 Therefore
31 Donkey
32 Navy elite
34 Sawbuck
35 Grand story
37 HBO rival
39 Also
41 Blue shade
42 Teeming
45 Diamond ref
49 Work-when-you-want set-up
51 Mid-March date
52 Exceptional
53 — Francisco
54 Tide type
55 Newspaper page
56 Choose, with "for"
57 Smelly

Crossword down

1 Poet Pound
2 Honey bunch?
3 Neighbour's kid?
4 Grave
5 Hospital gowns
6 Literary collection
7 Three Little Pigs' pursuer
8 Gasoline rating number
9 Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, collectively
10 Heavy book
11 Didn't pay yet
17 Visibility hindrance
19 Deteriorates
22 Nebraska city
24 West of Hollywood
25 Kreskin's claim
26 So to speak
27 Silver-tongued
29 Jewel
30 Individual
33 Has done laps in the pool
36 Wheedled
38 Recording
40 Table scrap
42 Frizzy hairdo
43 Be openhanded with?
44 Soybean paste
46 Notion
47 Paper quantity
48 Catch sight of
50 Atlas page

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	3	7	2	9	5	8	1	6
6	5	8	3	7	1	9	2	4
2	1	9	4	8	6	3	5	7
7	9	4	5	3	2	1	6	8
1	2	5	8	6	4	7	9	3
3	8	6	7	1	9	5	4	2
5	7	2	1	4	3	6	8	9
8	6	1	9	2	7	4	3	5
9	4	3	6	5	8	2	7	1

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Turkish Bread with Feta and Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

4 tomatoes, diced
1/4 cup (50 ml) tomato paste
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 Turkish bread, halved horizontally
1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped fresh rosemary
1 tsp (5 ml) fennel seeds
1/4 cup (50 ml) olive oil
1 eggplant, thinly sliced widthways
1 red pepper, deseeded and cut into thin strips
1 yellow pepper, deseeded and cut into thin strips
1 tbsp (15 ml) cider vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
6 scallions, halved widthways and cut into strips
3-1/2 oz (100 g) feta cheese, drained and finely crumbled

METHOD:

1. Heat oven to 460 F (240 C). Mix tomatoes, tomato paste and half the crushed garlic in large bowl. Spread over bread and set aside. In same bowl, combine rosemary, fennel seeds, olive oil and remaining garlic.
2. Lay eggplant slices and pepper strips on baking tray and brush sparingly with herb oil mixture. Bake 8 minutes until slices are just beginning to soften. Turn and bake further 8 minutes. Remove from oven and reduce temperature to 425 F (220 C).
3. Stir cider vinegar and sugar into remaining oil. Add scallions and some pepper to season. Add pepper strips and mix well.
4. Top bread with half the mixed pepper mixture, cover with overlapping eggplant slices, then pile remaining pepper mixture on top, drizzling over remaining herb oil from bowl. Place bread on baking tray that was used for roasting vegetables. Top with feta, pressing down lightly with fork, and bake 10–15 minutes until feta is golden and vegetables are browned. Cut each piece of bread into four and serve two pieces per portion.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make it your aim this week to please other people, especially those closest to you emotionally. Go out of your way to help them feel good.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You may not have a care in the world at the moment but don't overdo it. It's your body you should be thinking about now: Put your well-being first.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
This is certainly a lucky time of the year for you but don't take anything for granted. Plan well ahead and don't entrust important details to other people.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
No doubt you have big plans but you also have limits and your number one priority as the week begins is to recognize what they are.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can sense that a number of things are coming to an end. Their passing is creating room in your life for more important aims and ambitions.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You expect to accomplish great things but there is a danger you might put so much pressure on yourself that you feel defeated before you have even begun.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your professional position is in a state of flux at the moment. But by the end of this week you'll be on top of the heap, so keep climbing.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You're in the mood to be outrageous and what you do in the next few days will shock those of a nervous disposition. Don't let their disapproval stop you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Before going ahead with spending plans it might be good to let partners and loved ones know what you're up to: They could have some good advice.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you want to move beyond what you've achieved, work with people who share your objectives. That applies to both your private life and career.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You've just been through a hectic weekend, so slow down a bit and catch your breath before you embark on your next big endeavour.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you are ambitious you will find favour with important people over the next few days. Just be careful you don't take on too many things.

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